Colonel Fullarton cannot be absent. He was afraid of committing me by taking me with him, but I told him *I* had already informed General Picton that I was going.

The accusations against the latter are to be sent home. Commodore Hood says he will resign; so I suppose Colonel Fullarton will remain on the field of battle, unless a new governor is sent out. These fracas and quarrels are very unpleasant, although one has nothing to do with them.

My house at St. Juan is almost finished. I have made it very convenient, and it would hold you all very well, if you liked to come; but I have not here *des objets majeurs* to justify the expense of bringing you, or endangering all your healths. To me, Trinidad is a delightful climate, and I can ride in its sun or sit on its waves with the same unconcern that I did near dear Istria and Capri—but that is no reason why it should be so for others.

Were I a man to consult my own pleasures, I should undoubtedly be delighted to have you all here; but many reasons militate against the

voyage. The expense is great; the dangers of the passage something; of the climate more.

As to what you say of sincere friends—who